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MEMORANDUM FOR: Director of Central Intelligence

FROM :
Chief, East Asia Division

VIA : Acting Deputy Director for Operations
Deputy Director of Central Intelligence

SUBJECT : Proposed State Department Press Guidance
Pertaining to Counterspy Account of
Speech Made by Mr. Donald Gregg

1. The State Department, specifically Under Secretary Habib, desires to authorize the three posts concerned, Seoul, Tokyo, and Santiago, to be more forthcoming in answering press queries pertaining to the Counterspy account of Mr. Donald Gregg's speech at the University of Texas in Austin, Texas. Under Secretary Habib further feels that the Department is not bound in a case of this sort to the general policy of refusing to comment on intelligence matters, because Mr. Gregg appeared in a public forum and identified himself as a CIA officer. The Department therefore has requested our concurrence in a statement which may be used at the discretion of the press spokesmen of those three embassies, in response to query, which guidance is intended to deny the accuracy of the Counterspy account of Mr. Gregg's remarks.

2. After consultation with Mr. Andrew Falkiewicz, who stipulated that no reference be made to CIA in any statement made by the press spokesmen, we propose to authorize the Department to issue guidance for use as indicated as follows:

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"The officer cited in the American publication states that the remarks attributed to him have been distorted, misrepresented, and taken out of context by that publication."

3. Your approval is recommended.



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CONCUR:

Theodore G. Shackley

Acting Deputy Director for Operations

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Deputy Director of Central Intelligence

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APPROVE:

/s/ George Bush

Director of Central Intelligence

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SUBJECT: (Optional)

Mr. Donald P. Gregg's Talk Before Graduate Students
at the University of Texas

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John F. Blake
Deputy Director for Administration
Room 7D-24, Headquarters

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This is especially interesting because Don Gregg spent a few months on the staff before taking up his present job. Prior

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MEMORANDUM FOR: Chief, Recruitment Division

SUBJECT : Addresses by Mr. Don Gregg at The University of Texas at Austin

This memorandum is written to advise you of the absolutely superb addresses presented by Mr. Don Gregg at The University of Texas at Austin on 6 October. I am positive that the Agency made a net gain in these addresses, and I would encourage you to suggest to other Recruiters that Mr. Gregg be invited into their areas for similar presentations.

The first presentation Mr. Gregg made was to the Policy Process Review class conducted by Dagmar Hamilton, one of the Professors in the LBJ School of Public Affairs at The University of Texas at Austin. The audience in this instance was approximately fifty in number and represented not only the students in the class but several Professors and students from the Law School. Mr. Gregg did a magnificent job of presenting CIA in its role of impinging on the development of U. S. foreign policy. I find it difficult to recall ever having heard an Agency speaker make such a brilliant and sweeping analysis of CIA activity in this field. Mr. Gregg was very frank and forthright in discussing Agency efforts as it attempts to present meaningful opinions to the policy maker. I am sure several people came to this presentation prepared to be hostile to Mr. Gregg, but his honesty and sophistication in the presentation almost completely disarmed what hostility existed. There were a few questions with barbs, but Mr. Gregg handled them without incident.

A second presentation was made to a group of students and faculty drawn from the Area Study programs at The University of Texas (Middle East, Asian and Latin American programs). Some twenty-five in number attended this second session and, again, Mr. Gregg presented a penetrating analysis of CIA global activities over the last several years. There were a number of excellent questions concerning CIA activity in these several areas of the world, and Mr. Gregg handled these questions very meaningfully - drawing from his intimate knowledge of Agency affairs.

At the evening reception which I sponsored I received any number of compliments concerning this effort of CIA making itself known in a more meaningful fashion to the American public. Based on my own observations and the comments I have received from students and faculty of The University of Texas, I am certain the Agency has a great deal to gain by similar presentations. It is my intention to invite Mr. Gregg back for other audiences, and I would suggest that other Recruiters would benefit from similar experiences.

I invite you to share this information with senior officials in the Office of Personnel and elsewhere.



William B. Wood